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For: ELECTRICALLY CONDUCTIVE PASTE

AND MULTILAYER CERAMIC

SUBSTRATE

Examiner: K. T. Nguyen

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2008, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

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